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LETTER DATED 21 MARCH 1993 FROM THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF VIET NAM TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

Upon instructions from my Government, I have the honour to transmit to you herewith the letters dated 16 March 1993 from H.E. Mr. Nguyen Manh Cam, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Viet Nam addressed to H.R.H. Prince Samdech Norodom Sihanouk, President of the Supreme National Council of Cambodia, and to H.E. Mr. Yasushi Akashi, Head of the United Nations Transitional Authority in Cambodia.

I would be very grateful if you could have these letters circulated as documents of the Security Council.

(Signed) TRINH XUAN LANG
Permanent Representative

Annex I

Letter dated 16 March 1993 from the Minister for Foreign Affairs of Viet Nam addressed to the President of the Supreme National Council of Cambodia

Following a series of massacres of Vietnamese residents in Cambodia, which took place after the signing of the Paris agreement on the political settlement of the Cambodia problem, the recent 10 March 1993 barbarous massacre of Vietnamese residents committed by the Democratic Kampuchea faction is a source of extreme emotion and concern for the Government and people of Viet Nam. Viet Nam's stance on this matter was clearly expressed in the statement issued by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Viet Nam on 11 March 1993.

It is most heartening to us that Your Highness has expressly shared Viet Nam's deep concern and on many occasions spoken out in defence of the Vietnamese community in Cambodia as you would for other foreign resident communities.

In face of the risk of the Khmer Rouge's escalation of crimes against the lives and properties of Vietnamese residents in Cambodia, we urgently request the Cambodian parties, the Supreme National Council, the United Nations Transitional Authority in Cambodia and the international community to take determined measures to stop the killing of Vietnamese residents and protect their peaceful life and legitimate interests in exact conformity with the spirit of the Paris agreements and other international instruments on human rights.

It is our sincere wish that Your Highness, in your capacity as President of the Supreme National Council and with your high prestige and vast influence, will instruct the SNC to take strong, urgent and effective measures to protect the Vietnamese residents in Cambodia, thus showing your good will and evincing the spirit of the joint statement which I had the honour to sign with Your Highness in January 1992.

(Signed) NGUYEN MANH CAM
Minister of Foreign Affairs

Annex II

Letter dated 16 March 1993 from the Minister for Foreign Affairs of Viet Nam addressed to the Head of the United Nations Transitional Authority in Cambodia

The Government and people of Viet Nam are deeply concerned about the increasingly grave acts of terrorism and massacre committed by the Khmer Rouge faction against Vietnamese residents in Cambodia, since the signing of the Paris agreement, of which the recent brutal massacre of 33 Vietnamese residents at Chong Kneas fishing village in Siem Reap Province in the evening of 10 March 1993 is the latest evidence.

We highly appreciate the positive and timely measures you have taken to investigate into this incident, leading to the 16 March conclusion that the Khmer Rouge faction was the culprit.

In face of the risk of the Khmer Rouge's escalation of crimes, the Government of Viet Nam urgently appeals to the United Nations Transitional Authority in Cambodia, within its authority and mandate provided for by the Paris agreement, to undertake its full responsibility and take strong, urgent and effective measures with a view to putting an end to brutal massacres of Vietnamese residents, protecting their peaceful life and legitimate interests in exact conformity with the spirit of the Paris agreement as well as other international instruments on human rights.

(Signed) NGUYEN MANH CAM
Minister of Foreign Affairs